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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 7 with the following replacement paragraph.

[007] Herein incorporated by reference are the following patent documents:

- U.S. serial no. 09/635,549 (attorney docket US 000209) filed 8/10/00 for Eugene Shteyn for TOPICAL SERVICE PROVIDES CONTEXT INFORMATION FOR A HOME NETWORK. This document relates to making a consumer apparatus an intuitive component of a user-interface to a topical server. A specific user-interaction with the apparatus or its proxy on the home network causes a request to be sent to a specific server on the Internet based on a predefined URL. The home network receives a particular web page from the server with content information dedicated to the context of use of the apparatus.

- U.S. Patent No. 6,782,253 serial no. 09/635,548 (attorney docket US 000107) filed 8/10/00 for Eugene Shteyn and Paul Rankin for MOBILE MICRO PORTAL. This document relates to a geographic region with a network of beacons. Each beacon transmits a short-range facilitation signal for receipt on a user's mobile communication device. The facilitation signal initiates associating the facilitation signal with a service and conditionally alerts the user to the service via the device dependent on a user profile. The user-profile and the association between facilitation signal and service are user-programmable.

~~- U.S. serial no. 09/427,821 (attorney docket PHA 23,786) filed 10/27/00 for Rik Sagar for PDA HAS WIRELESS MODEM FOR REMOTE CONTROL VIA THE INTERNET. This document relates to combining a PDA with a wireless modem to enable remote control of CE equipment via the Internet and a local home server.~~

- U.S. serial no. 09/715,364 (attorney docket 008064) filed 11/17/00 for Pieter van der Meulen for INTELLIGENT APPLIANCE HOME NETWORK. This document relates to using the instantaneous power consumption of an appliance determine the status of the appliance, from which further actions may be taken. Most appliances have a characteristic power consumption pattern that can be used to determine the state of operation of the

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appliance. An electric coffee pot, for example, consumes high power substantially continuously during the brewing state, then reduces its power level, or power duration, or both, while keeping the pot warm, then terminates its power consumption when it is turned off. In like manner, the power consumption patterns of other appliances, such as toasters, washing machines, dryers, and so on may also be used to determine the state of each appliance. The communicated state may be used by a home-automation system to effect a variety of actions, including notifying the user, terminating the available power to the appliance, initiating an action by another appliance, and so on.

- U.S. Patent application 20010144282 ~~serial no. 09/519,546 (attorney docket US 000014)~~

filed 3/6/00 for Erik Ekkel et al., for PERSONALIZING CE EQUIPMENT CONFIGURATION AT SERVER VIA WEB-ENABLED DEVICE. This document relates to facilitating the configuring of CE equipment by the consumer by means of delegating the configuring to an application server on the Internet. The consumer enters his/her preferences in a specific interactive Web page through a suitable user-interface of an Internet-enabled device, such as a PC or set-top box or digital cellphone. The application server generates the control data based on the preferences entered and downloads the control data to the CE equipment itself or to the Internet-enabled device.